

CITY / UC / STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Committee Members (10): ✓=Present

Representing	Committee Member
Council District 4	Kate Harrison
Council District 6	Susan Wengraf ✓
Council District 7	Rigel Robinson ✓
Council District 8	Lori Droste ✓
Mayor (Alternate)	Jesse Arreguín
UC Berkeley	Becca Lopez, Assistant Dean of Students and Director for Student Conduct, Student Affairs ✓
UC Berkeley	Ruben Lizardo, Director, Local Government and Community ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Riya Masters, External Affairs Vice President, ASUC (Meeting Chair) ✓
ASUC Undergraduate	Davina Srioudom, ASUC Local Affairs Director ✓
Graduate Assembly	Lucy Andrews, External Affairs Vice President, Graduate Assembly ✓
Graduate Assembly	Connor Jackson, Labor Liaison of the Graduate Assembly ✓

AGENDA

- 1. Comments from the Public on non-agenda items
 - a. No public comments.
- 2. Approval of Minutes from the January 28, 2022 Meeting
 - a. M/S/C Robinson/Wengraf to approve minutes as written
 - b. Vote: All Ayes
- 3. Agenda Item: Seamless Bay Area (ASUC)
 - a. Ian Griffiths from Seamless Bay Area provided a presentation to the Committee
 - b. General committee questions and discussion included expressions of support for a more integrated transit network and fare system and improved transit experience (addressing "last mile" concerns, access to

restrooms, and real-time schedule integration, for example), as a means to increase transit use among the general public.

- c. No action was taken on this item.
- d. No public comments.
- 4. Agenda Item: Introductions to new ASUC leadership
 - a. Chair Master recommended that the Committee re-order the agenda to hear this item after the Seamless Bay Area presentation; there were no objections from Committee members.
 - b. The Committee was introduced to new ASUC External Affairs Vice President-Elect Bailey Henderson, who provided a brief introduction and overview of his priorities.
 - c. No action was taken on this item.
 - d. No public comments.
- 5. Agenda Item: Joint City/Campus/Community Strategies to Support Unhoused Community Members in People's Park and Telegraph Neighborhood (City Manager's Office and UC Berkeley).
 - a. Marc Fisher and Ari Neulight (UC Berkeley) provided an overview of the efforts to provide services and housing opportunities for the unsheltered residents currently living in People's Park as well as the broader Telegraph District, including the opening of a new Sacred Rest Drop-In Center, an interim housing location at the Rodeway Inn, and a Portland Loo restroom.
 - b. General committee discussion and questioning centered on the rules of the program at the Rodeway, harm reduction efforts, the efforts to provide permanent (not just interim) housing, the role of the Police in any interventions, and the role of those with lived experience of homelessness in the planning process.
 - c. No action was taken on this item. Commissioner Andrews requested that updates on this item be agendized for the Committee in the future.
 - d. No public comments.
- Agenda Item: Priorities for spending future allocations of UC/COB settlement Agreement Payments (City Manager's Office)
 - a. Deputy City Manager Paul Buddenhagen provided an overview of the City and University Settlement Agreement requirements and the process for determining expenditures of the payment moneys.
 - General Committee recommendations on spending priorities included continuing the services provided to the unsheltered after the closure of People's Park, closing funding gaps for Southside Complete Streets; funding for the Street Lighting Master Plan; the infrastructural

enhancements to the physical interfaces between Campus and City, especially Telegraph Avenue and Center Street; fire safety measures for the hills; infrastructure near campus including sidewalk paving, street lighting, and parklets; and improvements to public safety, especially environmental enhancements to public safety.

- c. No action was taken on this item.
- d. No public comments.
- 7. Agenda Item: GLA Ordinance Implementation Update (City Manager's Office)
 - a. Due to time constraints, this item was not heard.
- 8. Future Meetings and Agenda Items:
 - Next Meeting Date: TBD.
 - Next Meeting Facilitator: Lucy Andrews, External Affairs Vice President,
 Graduate Assembly agreed to serve as next Chair.
 - Potential topics for future meetings:
 - Update on Joint City/Campus/Community Strategies to Support Unhoused Community Members in People's Park and Telegraph Neighborhood (recommended at this meeting)
 - GLA Ordinance Implementation Update

9. Adjournment

a. M/S/C Robinson/Wengraf to adjourn at 2:00 PM (approved by consensus).